

educated in the schools at Manila and is a rancher; Miss Mildred, born February 13, 1914, attended the Manila High School; William Everett, born May 24, 1917, Delbert, born July 29, 1919, Bonnie Bess, born July 29, 1926, and Darrell, born August 17, 1928.

H. CLAY CUMMINGS resides in his native City of Heber, judicial center of Wasatch County, and is not only one of the progressive representatives of ranch industry in the county but also has the distinction of being at the time of this writing, in 1932, the mayor of Heber, this official preferment standing in evidence of the high popular estimate placed upon him in the community in which he was born and reared and in which he is giving fine account for himself as a loyal and liberal citizen.

Mr. Cummings was born at Heber on the 11th of December, 1894, and is a son of Edward J. and Hannah M. (Clegg) Cummings, the former of whom was one of the first white children born in the Heber Valley, where his parents were among the earliest settlers and where his birth occurred in 1863, his wife, Hannah M., having been born at Springville, Utah County, in 1870. Edward J. Cummings long held precedence as one of the substantial stock growers of the Heber district, was likewise interested in banking and mercantile enterprise. He gave twelve years of service as a member of the Board of County Commissioners and was a member of the City Council of Heber several terms, besides which he was a liberal supporter of the Church of Latter Day Saints.

After completing his studies in the high school at Heber, H. Clay Cummings was a student in the Utah State Agricultural College. In 1914 he initiated his service on a mission of thirty months in the northern states, in the interests of the Church of Latter Day Saints, and he then returned to Utah and identified himself with industrial affairs in his native county. There came to him the call of higher duty when the nation became involved in the World war, and he was among the first from Wasatch County to enlist for service in the United States Army. He enlisted in 1917 and was assigned to the One Hundred Forty-fifth Field Artillery, and in February, 1918, he was transferred to the Officers Training School at Jackson, South Carolina, where he became a member of the Aviation Corps. Later he was in service with the Air Corps at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and eventually he attended the Air Gunners School at Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, Michigan. His unit was not called to overseas service and he received his honorable discharge December 23, 1918, somewhat more than a month after the armistice had brought the great war to a close. Since his return to his native county Mr. Cummings has continued to be successfully associated with progressive ranch enterprise, with special attention given to the growing of sheep.

Mr. Cummings has continued active and influential in the affairs of the Church of Latter Day Saints, and in behalf of the church he served in 1925 a short-term mission in the eastern states. November 26, 1926, he was ordained bishop of the Second Ward of the Wasatch Stake, and March 11, 1928, he was made first counselor to the president of this stake.

Mr. Cummings has continued to take deep interest in his World war comrades, and in 1923-24 he served as commander of Post No. 23, American Legion, at Heber. He gave also four years of service as captain of the local organization of Sons and Daughters of Indian War Veterans, and in 1927 he was elected mayor of Heber, his effective administration of municipal affairs having led to his reelection in 1929. He is an active and valued member of the Heber Chamber of Commerce and the local Lions Club, and is a member of the board of trustees of the Wasatch County Public Library.

On the 26th of January, 1918, Mr. Cummings was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Nielson, daughter of Peter E. and Emma Nielson, of Preston, Idaho, and the children of this union are four in number: Veigh X., Kyle E., Melvin and Clay.

Firemen who have received their 25 year pins from the State Firemen's Association include Owen F. Buell, Earl H. Smith, Mont Giles, A. D. Buys, Forrest Dayton and Frank Hardy. At the 1961 state convention held in St. George, Mr. Hardy was presented a 50-year pin for service to the Utah association. Earl H. Smith is also serving his third five-year term as a trustee of the state group.

During recent years the department has moved into a new fire station and has added new trucks and many pieces of modern fire fighting equipment. Membership is kept at 20, all of whom are on call 24 hours a day and work strictly on a volunteer basis to protect property in the county against fires. Because of their work the valley's fire insurance rates have been very favorable.

Some firemen who have served in recent years include Verl Wright, William Turnbow, Neil Montgomery, Douglas Smith, Lynn McKnight, Lynn Bonner, Rolland Carlile, Bill Jasperson, Ray Wright, Hylton Burch, Don Smith, Jay Giles, Harvey Bronson, Glen Jensen, Ralph Stevens, Marvis Clyde, Neil Bethers, Art Mair, Paul Probst, LaRen Provost, Ray Farrell, Richard Jones, and Clyde Broadbent.

Secretaries of the department have included Forrest Dayton, Owen Buell, Douglas Smith and Clyde Montgomery.

A ladies auxiliary was organized in 1949 with Mary Hardy as president. She was also State Auxiliary president. Other presidents have been Thelma Wootton, La Von Burch and Dove McAfee who also have been state presidents. Lizzie Buell served for 10 years and Lois Wright, both have been auxiliary secretaries. May Smith was State Auxiliary secretary for two years.

The first fire alarm was the bell in the stake house tower, but in recent years a siren has been constructed with connections to enable the telephone operator to sound the alarm.

In addition to his work with the fire department, Mayor McMullin completed successful road and sidewalk projects, improved the city water system and strengthened the Heber Light and Power Plant. While many interests were pressing the city to sell the "white elephant power plant," Mayor McMullin put the issue to the people in a special election and won a majority vote of the people to continue city operation of the facility.

When Mayor McMullin was re-elected in 1926 he had as councilmen Albert Dickson, Henry Moulton, Sumner Hatch and Frederick Crook. Sylvan Rasband and Elmer Strong continued as recorder and treasurer, respectively.

Mayor McMullin directed one of the valley's large celebrations in August of 1927 when the city played host to the Sixth Annual State Encampment of Indian War Veterans. The encampment and concurrent homecoming celebration continued for four days and included two parades, band concerts, dances by Ute Indians, talent shows, ball games, rodeos, carnival treats and community dances. Large barbecue pits dug

on the court house grounds for the 1924 celebration were used again to cook several beef and lambs and provide free sandwiches to everyone. J. W. Giles and Wesley Duke were in charge of the barbecue.

H. Clay Cummings, one of Heber's more popular mayors, was elected to office in 1928, and was the first mayor to be elected for four consecutive terms. Councilmen who were elected with him in the 1928 election included Sumner Hatch, Ralph F. Nilsson, Frederick Crook and Daniel McMillan. Velma Crook Buys was recorder and Elmer Strong continued as treasurer.

A successful cattleman, Mayor Cummings was also prominent in Church leadership as well as his civic duties. He was president of the Wasatch Stake for nearly 22 years, part of which time he also served as the mayor and later as a county commissioner.

His efforts as mayor included organization of the electric utility as the Heber Light and Power Company, paving main street, building the city's "White Way," and strengthening the fire department through the purchase of a new truck.

City officials who served with Mayor Cummings in his various terms included the following:

1930-31; J. W. Giles, Harold Stevens, Labon Hylton and Sylvan Smith, councilmen; Velma Buys, recorder and Clarence Olson, treasurer.

1932-33: Harold Stevens, Joseph Olpin, W. D. Ely, Daniel McMillan, councilmen; Clarence Olson, recorder; Effie Murdock, treasurer; Ernest Hicken, marshal and George Stanley, city attorney.

1934-35: Ralph Giles, Douglas Giles, Andrew Lindsay, Frank Epperson, councilmen; Clarence Olson, recorder; Thomas Tadd, marshal from daylight until 4 p.m.; Leonard Giles, marshal from 4 p.m. to midnight and Delbert Watson, marshal from midnight until daylight. (Marshal Tadd received \$87.50 per month, while Messers. Giles and Watson received \$55 per month.)

Another prominent cattleman became Heber's Mayor in the 1935 election when Mayor Cummings decided to run for the county commission. Livingston Clegg Montgomery, known as "L.C." won the election and took office in January of 1936.

Councilmen elected with Mayor Montgomery were Harold Stevens, Nephi Moulton, Douglas Giles, Andrew A. Lindsay and Owen F. Buell. Effie Murdock was treasurer with Leonard Giles as city marshal. City sexton and poundkeeper was William H. Bond.

Mayor Montgomery, an active Democrat, took office in the depression recovery days of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration, and implemented many work programs in Heber. Many city sidewalks were paved under the Works Progress Administration, with the government paying for labor and property owners paying for materials. Ground to build a sewer was purchased and the city waterworks was improved with Public Works Administration funds.

JOHN C. CUMMINGS AND  
MARY ANN GILES



John C. Cummings, a son of Isaac Cummings and Sarah Jones Cummings was born 16 January 1868 in Heber, Utah. His wife, Mary Ann Giles was born 24 February, 1870, in Heber, Utah. Mary Ann was a

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He *Cattlemans*  
*Farmer*  
*Hunter & Fisherman*  
*Miner*

She *Sewer*  
*Actor*  
*Practical Nurse*

daughter of Frederick Giles and Maria Sharp Giles.

John C. and Mary Ann were married 29 Oct. 1890, in the Logan Temple. To them were born three children: Hazel, Cleone, and John.

John C. Cummings was a farmer and cattlemans, and was a great lover of the outdoors, being an excellent hunter and fisherman. He loved playing baseball and many other sports.

John built the first and only home in which he and Mary Ann resided. He also worked in the mines at Keetley, Utah.

John C. Cummings died 13 November 1898, in Heber, Utah, at the age of 30 years, from pneumonia.

During her childhood, as the eldest child, Mary Ann had many duties to perform, such as family sewing, making her own patterns, and also helping with the care of the younger children. Also in her early youth she was very active in Church activities, holding many positions of merit. She was in the presidency of the Heber East Ward Relief Society, and the presidency of the Young Ladies' Mutual of the Heber West Ward.

During her young womanhood Mary Ann was active in dramatics, taking the leading female role in many plays in Heber.

At the age of 28 years Mary Ann was widowed, and had two small children to provide for, the youngest being only six weeks old.

After being widowed, Mary Ann would go out and help the doctors in Heber, acting as their nurse and also cleaning the houses, and caring for the husbands and other children. For this work she received \$1 per day.

Mary Ann was always faithful to her Church duties and has spent her life being active and interested in all connected with the gospel.

Mary Ann Giles Cummings is still very much alive today. She was 90 on February 24, 1960.